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The Adjournment Question Discussed in the House.

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Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

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THE SENATE CONVENED

at 12 o'clock, pursuant to the adjournment of yesterday, and was called to order by the President pro tem., Mr. Morrill, Messrs. Fry, and Pool, have been in attendance upon the sick Senator for nearly a month, and they now report that Mr. Sumner could be properly been excused from the Senate. There is no general disposition to make any changes in the chairmanship of the important committees, and it is probable that the old chairmen will be generally retained. It is also probable that the chairmanship of the committee on Foreign Affairs, but it does not appear that there is any respectable amount of opposition to the continuance in this important position.

THE HOUSE

was called to order at half past one hour by the Speaker, and the usual morning business was dispensed with. Mr. Dawes made an earnest appeal for the speedy adjournment of the House, and Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, also urged the adjournment, but Mr. Poland, of Vermont, and others, opposed the adjournment, and Mr. Dawes made a motion to lay the resolution on the table, which was carried by a vote of 115 to 57.

Mr. Dawes made an earnest appeal to the House to be considered with the Chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means, and

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CONGRESSIONAL APPORTIONMENT.

There are but little more than seven millions of people in the United States who, under the Constitution, are entitled to representation in Congress, but who are denied that right by the obstinacy with which the Representatives of the minority maintain their ascendancy.

The Constitution provides that the enumeration of the inhabitants shall take place within every ten years, and that representation in Congress shall be apportioned among the States according to their respective population. The enumeration took place from 1870, but a majority of the present Congress, representing a minority of the people, has refused to apportion representation according to population, and, by their perversity, proposes that the apportionment made under the census of 1860 shall be continued until 1873. For two years the majority of the population of the last two years are to be denied representation, and the minority of the population of 1860 are to continue in a majority in Congress.

Against this resolution prevailing the Western States have, so far, unavailingly protested. The late Congress refused to act. The present Congress ought not to adjourn without providing for the election of the additional members. It is a question directly pertaining to the constitutional organization of Congress. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective population, as ascertained by the enumeration of 1870. It is a question of more right to deny any State a portion of its just representation than it has to deny it all representation. The ground on which this law is resisted furnishes the strongest reason why it should be adopted. It is said that to reapportion representation on the present basis, which would greatly reduce the number of Representatives to which several of the States are now entitled. That was a consequence distinctly foreseen when the constitution was adopted, and it was to provide for the proportionate increase in population that the clause in those that a new apportionment was required to be made every ten years. There it, however, nothing in the constitution requiring the number of the House to be kept at any fixed limit. It may be increased or diminished. It has, moreover, been contended that, by fixing the whole number of Representatives at 280, it will not reduce the present representation of any State; and that it will give the increased number of foreign nativity to those entitled to the five seats. This does very well the only difficulty in the question. The additional members may all be elected without any disturbance of the existing State apportionment. In November next, at their several States by general ticket, and the Legislature which meet next winter can apportion the districts. In this way no incongruity whatever can result, and justice will be done, and every State will be represented, as the constitution requires it to be apportioned, according to its population, as ascertained at the last preceding enumeration. In short, upon examination there can be no real cause of difficulty in the way providing for this apportionment, and a refusal must be accepted as a determination on the part of the majority in Congress to perpetuate, in defiance of the constitution, the representative ascendancy of the minority. If Congress persists in passion for any purpose, we hope the Representatives of the West will insist that this bill be passed, and that during the next two years the Western and Southern States shall have their representation to which they are, under the constitution, justly entitled.

CONDITION OF THE SOUTH.

It has been the earnest hope of all Republicans that the day for stern measures on the part of the General Government toward the States lately in rebellion, and especially for all military occupation of the South, had passed. Institutions for the rebellious having been subdued by the latter some of the people of that section. Such is still the general hope among temperate men of all parties; but it must be admitted that the prospect is not quite so bright today the friends of mankind wished it was. Such seems to be the opinion of the President, as well as of prominent men in Congress who have not been distinguished by any spirit of vindictiveness toward the South, and who, rather than allow themselves to be instrumental in creating a popular panic for political purposes, for the political purpose to be achieved by a division of the facts concerning the Ku-Klux element, have gone so far as to say that, if the State authorities, outside law, and Congress stand aloof? Is it partisan purpose, after all these facts are stated. Why not leave the President to call the Southern Governors as he would the Governor of Illinois in case of an insurrection and a call for help? The answer is that the nation is interested in knowing the truth of the matter, and the rights of those which its legislation makes electors. Butler's bill, and any other bill which Congress is likely to pass for the relief, will have small value if the facts of outrage and the inability of the State authorities to protect the citizens cannot be ascertained. The Fifteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, the bill large, is not enforced, that the South is a country of lawlessness, of wrong and the law cannot prevent fair elections in many localities.

It is generally objected to Butler's bill (which our correspondent at Washington, and undoubtedly the President, is for) that it provides for a report of a joint committee of Congressmen of Elections, which shall be at a certain expense, and which shall enter upon what always is a politically popular task—that of exposing and condemning the State authorities. Nothing is more irritating to the Southern people, shall be equally effective in restoring law and order, and the peaceable benefits of labor used as a subsidiary problem?

PROTECTED MUSTARD.

The manufacture of mustard, that is to say, pure mustard, is very simple. The ordinary tariff, a very little imposed, will turn out mustard readily. The difference between a good article and a bad one, following, first, to the quality of the seeds, and, second, to adulteration.

Our tariff, of course, has to protect the American manufacturer—that, in fact, is the principal reason for the existence of the tariff—especially the tariff on mustard is as follows:

Mustard, not ground.....[illegible] cents
Mustard, ground or prepared.....[illegible] cents
Mustard, in glass or tin, per pound.....[illegible] cents

It will be seen that the cost of the American mustard, the chief ingredient of which is the ordinary English mustard seed, is 12 cents per pound, and that the tariff protection is a tax of 12 to 16 cents a pound, per pound. The American mustard manufacturer can sell his mustard made from English mustard seed from 9 to 12 cents per pound cheaper than the British grinder.

There are certain brands of English mustard which command good prices, because of the peculiar flavor made fashionable by long usage. Recent developments in New-York have shown that exact imitations of the labels of these English brands are printed in that city and purchased by American manufacturers; and that these labels are put upon the genuine and the spurious article. Mustard is a condiment, and the consumer is entitled to the information of the place of its manufacture, and the quality of the article he is buying

THE LAW COURTS.

The Rockafellow-Newcomb Case in the Supreme Court.

Judgment Rendered in Favor of the Bonnet—He Property is to be Restored.

Henry Rockafellow—Verdict Against an Insurance Company.

Supreme Court.

Justice Lawrence presiding.

Alexander J. Rockafellow [illegible] to be [illegible] Henry C. Rockafellow, [illegible] President of the Chicago Fire Insurance Company, [illegible] the [illegible] of the Company, [illegible] the [illegible] of the Company, [illegible] the [illegible] of the

MRS. VAN COTT.

Her First Appearance in Chicago as a Lecturer.

A Quaint Discourse upon Revival Reminiscences, Etc.

A large audience assembled, last evening, in the Church Street Methodist Church, to listen to a lecture on "Revival Scenes and Experiences," by Mrs. Van Cott. The efforts of the pastor, Rev. Fairchild, appear to have been successful, as the church was filled to its utmost capacity. We have last evening, and that the people felt the following quaint, practical, and, withal, pleasant discourse. Mrs. Van Cott said: On the 1st of last month, February 19, 1871, she had spent 19 months, or one year, lacking 41 days, 1,139 hours; 68,340 minutes; 4,100,400 seconds; 22,000 miles; has found the better; has travelled 1,000 miles; has preached 1,000 times; has spoken to eight hundred; has preached 400 times; and received 1,700 probationers into the M. E. Church.

The curiosity manifested to see and hear an African lecturer in the vestibule, and the crowd filling the church. After some soul-inspiring music, by Professor Cromwell, prayer was offered by Dr. Foster.

Rev. W. H. Daniels, in introducing the speaker, said he had been requested to say a few words in behalf of the audience, which, although, he said, the result of many and many weeks, he felt that they could forgive the apology as they listened to the lecture.

Mrs. Van Cott then addressed herself. The vast field of labor she had entered, she thought, and the many words she had uttered, she felt, would have been sufficient to forget on her behalf, if only conscious of her weakness, and that she was surrounded by indulgent earth, which, at times, was inclined to be hard on her. But, in the midst of her weakness, there was an assurance, in the midst of her weakness, there was an assurance, in the midst of her weakness, there was an assurance